



URBAN LIBRARIANS CONFERENCE PROGRAM & SCHEDULE

Keynote

Sam Helmick

Sam Helmick is a librarian, community advocate, and champion for the people who make libraries thrive. They serve as Community & Access Services Coordinator at the Iowa City Public Library and are the Immediate Past President of the American Library Association, where they advocate for library workers and the vital role libraries play in creating access, connection, and opportunity.

Sam's work is rooted in a deep belief in the creativity, resilience, and care of library workers who continue to show up for their communities through times of challenge and change. They speak about the endurance, innovation, and collective strength that help libraries remain essential places of belonging and possibility.



Schedule

Time	Session	Location
9:30 am	Welcome	Dweck
10:00 am	Keynote	Dweck
11:30 am	"Your Story Doesn't Matter"	Dweck
	Building Staff Support Infrastructure at Your Library	Infocommons
	Holding the Line: Community-led Action for NYC's Public Libraries	B&CC Event Room
12:30 pm	Lunch	
2:00 pm	Built to Last: Practical Strategies for Sustainable Library Work	Dweck
	Leading When the Work Is Heavy	Infocommons
	On Purpose: Serving Black Queer and QTPOC Communities	B&CC Event Room
	Zine Making for Information Security	Dweck Lobby
3:30 pm	So You Want to Be Safe?	Dweck
	Lessons in Sustaining Programs for Justice-Impacted Youth	Infocommons
	Library Workers: Are We Everything to Everybody or Nothing to Nobody?	B&CC Event Room